

Status of NIST Special Publication 800-26 Security Self-Assessment Guide for Information Technology Systems

The FY 2006 Reporting Instructions for the Federal Information Security Management Act and Agency Privacy Management issued by the Office of Management and Budget on July 17, 2006, specifically requires agencies to use for FY07 and beyond FIPS 200/NIST Special Publication 800-53 for the specification of security controls and NIST Special Publication 800-53A for the assessment of security control effectiveness. Agencies should not use NIST SP 800-26 for their FY07 annual assessments. NIST plans to sunset Special Publication 800-26, including reference to the Federal Information Technology Security Assessment Framework (FITSAF) and formalize the continuous monitoring methodology for conducting annual assessments of security controls in federal information systems. Changes will or have been made to the following suite of documents:

- Modify and move the system reporting form from draft Special Publication 800-26, Revision 1, to draft [**Special Publication 800-53A**](#), ***Guide for Assessing Security Controls in Federal Information Systems***;
- Incorporated the FITSAF Security Program Maturity Levels previously included in draft Special Publication 800-26, Rev. 1 into [**Special Publication 800-100**](#) (The NIST Handbook); and
- Rescind Special Publication 800-26 when these changes have been made.